

IN THE CLAIMS

1-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) An information processing method in an information processing apparatus for processing information between a plurality of service providers and a user, wherein each of the plurality of service providers has a corresponding service provider device, the method ~~connected to a service provider device and a terminal device~~, comprising the steps of:

storing personal information of a ~~the~~ user ~~using the terminal device~~;

receiving a request to perform a transaction with ~~the~~ one of the plurality of service provider devices ~~from the a terminal device operated by the user~~;

identifying a manner in which the personal information will be used by ~~the~~ one of the plurality of service provider devices;

identifying one or more items requested by ~~the~~ one of the plurality of service provider devices ~~from the stored personal information~~; and

sending the manner or the one or more items requested by ~~said~~ one of the plurality of service provider devices to ~~the said~~ terminal device to be displayed at the terminal device.

18. (Currently Amended) The information processing method of claim 17, wherein the manner requires that the personal information is to be used only by ~~the~~ one of the plurality of service provider devices.

19. (Currently Amended) The information processing method of claim 17, wherein the personal information is to be provided by ~~the~~ one of the plurality of service providers ~~to another one of the plurality of service providers~~ for use.

20. (Previously Presented) The information processing method of claim 17, wherein the terminal device comprises a wireless device comprising one of a personal digital assistant, a mobile telephone, a personal handyphone, a pager, a laptop computer and a handheld information processing device.

21. (Previously Presented) The information processing method of claim 17, wherein the personal information comprises one or more of a user payment information, a user home address, a user e-mail address, a user telephone number, a user date of birth, a user age, a user gender, a user occupation, a user password, and a user ID.

22. (Currently Amended) The information processing method of claim 17, wherein the step of displaying further includes displaying a button for determining whether to provide the one or more items to the one of the plurality of service provider devices or not.

23. (Previously Presented) The information processing method of claim 22, wherein the button includes a positive(yes) button of provision of personal information and a negative(no) button of prohibition of personal information.

24. (Previously Presented) The information processing method of claim 17, further comprising retrieving a reply from the user.

25. (Currently Amended) The information processing method of claim 24, further comprising processing the said transaction on the basis of the reply from the user.

26. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus for processing information between a plurality of service providers and a user, wherein each of the plurality of service providers has a corresponding service provider device, the information processing apparatus ~~connected to a service provider device and a terminal device,~~ comprising:

means for storing personal information of a ~~the~~ user ~~using the terminal device~~;

means for receiving a request to perform a transaction with ~~the~~ one of the plurality of
service provider devices ~~from the a terminal device operated by the user~~;

means for identifying a manner in which the personal information will be used by ~~the one~~
of the plurality of service provider devices;

means for identifying one or more items requested by ~~the one of the plurality of~~ service
provider devices ~~from the stored personal information~~; and

means for sending the manner or the one or more items requested by ~~the one of the~~
plurality of service provider devices ~~to the terminal device to be displayed at the terminal device~~.

27. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus of claim 26, wherein
the manner requires that the personal information is to be used only by ~~the one of the plurality of~~
service provider devices.

28. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus of claim 26, wherein
the personal information is to be provided by ~~the one of the plurality of~~ service providers ~~to~~
another one of the plurality of service providers for use.

29. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus of claim 26,
wherein the terminal device comprises a wireless device comprising one of a personal digital
assistant, a mobile telephone, a personal handyphone, a pager, a laptop computer and a handheld
information processing device.

30. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus of claim 26,
wherein the personal information comprises one or more of a user payment information, a user

home address, a user e-mail address, a user telephone number, a user date of birth, a user age, a user gender, a user occupation, a user password, and a user ID.

31. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus of claim 26, further comprising a button for determining whether to provide the one or more items to ~~the~~ one of the plurality of service provider devices.

32. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus of claim 31, wherein the button comprises a positive button of provision of personal information and a negative button of prohibition of personal information.

33. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus of claim 26, further comprising means for retrieving a reply from the user.

34. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus of claim 33, further comprising means for processing the transaction on the basis of the reply from the said user.

35. (Currently Amended) A method of managing personal information of a user in an information processing apparatus for processing information between a plurality of service providers and the user, wherein each of the plurality of service providers has a corresponding service provider device, the method ~~connected to a service provider device and a terminal device through a network;~~ comprising the steps of:

transmitting a request to perform a transaction with ~~the~~ one of the plurality of service provider devices from ~~the~~ a terminal device operated by the user;

extracting a manner and one or more items of personal information of the user corresponding to ~~the~~ one of the plurality of service provider devices, wherein the manner is how to use personal information; and

sending the manner or the one or more items of personal information to the said user to be displayed to the user to perform the transaction.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 35, further receiving a confirmation reply from the user.

37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, further performing the transaction on the basis of the confirmation reply from the user.

38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 35, wherein the confirmation reply is selected by the user, from a Yes button and a No button.

39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 35, wherein the terminal device comprises a wireless device comprising one of a personal digital assistant, a mobile telephone, a personal handyphone, a pager, a laptop computer and a handheld information processing device.

40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 35, wherein the personal information comprises one or more of a user payment information, a user home address, a user e-mail address, a user telephone number, a user date of birth, a user age, a user gender, a user occupation, a user password, and a user ID.

41. (Currently Amended) A managing personal information processing apparatus for processing information between a plurality of service providers and a user, wherein each of the plurality of service providers has a corresponding service provider device, the managing personal information processing apparatus ~~connected to a service provider device and a terminal device through a network,~~ comprising:

means for transmitting a request to perform a transaction with ~~the~~ one of the plurality of service provider devices from ~~the~~ a terminal device operated by the user;

means for extracting a manner and one or more items of personal information of the user corresponding to the one of the plurality of service provider devices, wherein the manner is how to use personal information; and

means for sending the manner and the one or more items of personal information to the said user to be displayed to the user to perform said transaction.

42. (Previously Presented) The managing personal information processing apparatus of claim 41, further comprising means for receiving a confirmation reply from the user.

43. (Previously Presented) The managing personal information processing apparatus of claim 42, further comprising means for performing the transaction on the basis of the confirmation reply from the user.

44. (Previously Presented) The managing personal information processing apparatus of claim 41, wherein the confirmation reply is selected by the user, from a Yes button and a No button.

45. (Previously Presented) The managing personal information processing apparatus of claim 41, wherein the terminal device comprises a wireless device comprising one of a personal digital assistant, a mobile telephone, a personal handyphone, a pager, a laptop computer and a handheld information processing device.

46. (Previously Presented) The managing personal information processing apparatus of claim 41, wherein the personal information comprises one or more of a user payment information, a user home address, a user e-mail address, a user telephone number, a user date of birth, a user age, a user gender, a user occupation, a user password, and a user ID.